

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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12-18-02

JOHN DOE, JOHN DOE, SR. and : No. 3:02cv0444
JANE DOE, : (Judge Jones)
Plaintiffs : (Smyser, M.J.)
v. :
FATHER ERIC ENSEY, FATHER :
CARLOS URRUTIGOITY, DIOCESE OF :
SCRANTON, BISHOP JAMES C. TIMLIN, :
THE SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN, THE :
PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER, : Jury Trial Demanded
and ST. GREGORY'S ACADEMY, :

ORDER

DECEMBER 18, 2002

BACKGROUND:

FILED
WILKESBORO, PA

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MARY E. DANNEBA, CLERK
FOR THE COURT

In view of the extensive discovery disputes which have occurred in this case in the past, the court believes that discovery matters and all other pretrial matters will be handled more expeditiously by referring the case to United States Magistrate Judge J. Andrew Smyser.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This matter is referred to Magistrate Judge Smyser for all pretrial proceedings occurring prior to the scheduled final pretrial/settlement conference.
2. The Magistrate Judge shall not rule upon any motions in limine, but

will administer the pretrial process and rule on all discovery motions.

3. The clerk is directed to transfer the copy file to Magistrate Judge Smyser, who shall return the same to the Williamsport Division when the referenced pretrial proceedings have concluded.

4. The clerk is directed to provide Magistrate Judge Smyser with a copy of this order.



John E. Jones III
United States District Judge